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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 10 and 17 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, replace "1" with -2-;

Claim 10, line 1, replace "8" with -9-; and

Claim 17, line 1, replace "15" with -16-.

REMARKS

The Applicant amended the specification to indicate that the parent application, from which the above identified application claims priority, is now United States Patent No. 5,775,995. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his input concerning the same.

Next, claims 3, 10 and 17 are objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a parent claim. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, these three (3) claims are now amended to depend from claims 2, 9 and 16, respectively.

Lastly, claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12, 15-17 and 19 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-double patenting over claims 1-3 of U.S. Patent No. 5,775,995. A Terminal Disclaimer, as well as the necessary official fee is enclosed to overcome this rejection. The submission of the Terminal Disclaimer is believed to overcome the raised double patenting rejection with respect to these claims.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20 and 22 are objected to but would be allowable. In view of the above amendments and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of this application are now placed in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.